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1. OFFICER OF GOI DEFENSE PLANNING STAFF RECENTLY INFORMED EMBOFF THAT QUESTION OF US ROLE IN AUSTRALIAN MAPPING ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING UPCOMING (SECOND WEEK DECEMBER) GOI-GOA MEETING IN JAKARTA ON GOA MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (IN WHICH MAPPING PROJECT INCLUDED). INDONESIANS UNDERSTAND THAT, AS CONDITION FOR US COOPERATION IN AUSTRALIAN MAPPING ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA (LOAN OF GOECIEVERS AND TECHNICIAN) US MUST RECEIVE CIPIES OF ALL MAPS PRODUCED THROUGH AUSTRALIAN PROJECT. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THIS MAY "PRESENT PROBLEMS" IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

2. IF AUSTRALIA DISCUSSION WITH GOI ON PROVISION OF MAPS TO US IS RECENT DEVELOPMENT (SUBJECT HAS NEVER BEFORE BEEN RAISED WITH US BY GOI), INITIAL RESULT IS LIEKLY TO BE FORTHER MUDDYING OF WATERS OF US-GOI NEGOTIATIONS (CURRENTLY STALEMETED) ON MAP EXCHANGES AS WELL AS POSSIBLE COMPLICATION OF GOA-GOI DISCUSSIONS. HOWEVER, GOI APPEARS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE SATELLITE DATA ONLY
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AVAILABLE WITH USG COOPERATION, SO THIS DEVELOPMENT MAY ALSO PROVIDE SOME INDUCEMENT TO INDONESIANS TO BE MORE

FORTHCOMING ON OVERALL SUBJECT OF MAP EXCHANGES.

3. REF A IS MOST RECENT COMMUNICATION IN OUR FILES ON STATUS OF AGREEMENT COVERING LOAN OF GOECEIVERS AND US TECHNICIAN TO AUSTRALIANS. WE AUNAWARE OF TERMS OF INDONESIAN APPROVAL FOR PROJECT, BUT US GOECEIVERS AND TECHNICIAN WERE DEFINATELY PRESENT IN INDONESIA WITH AUSTRALIAN MAPPING TEAM IN MID 1974. PRIOR TO APPROACHING AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HERE ON MATTER OR PURSUING SUBJECT WITH GOI, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RCEIVING ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ADDRESSES CONCERNING AUSTRALIAN DISCUSSIONS WITH INDONESIANS OF US PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROJECT, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY HOW AUSTRALIANS MAY HAVE RAISED QUESTION OF US RECEIPT OF RESULTING MAPS.

4. WHILE AWAITING OUTCOME OF AUSTRALIAN-INDONESIAN MEETING MED-DECEMBER AND POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON US-GOI EXCHANGES NEGOTIATIONS, EMBASSY WOULD PREFER HOLD IN ABEYANCE DMA PROPOSAL (PARA 1A REFTEL B) FOR NO-STRINGS RELEASE TO GOI OF MODEST STOCKS JOG 1:250,000 SERIES MAPS--WHICH GOI CLEARLY WANTS AND WHICH THEREFORE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MARGINAL LEVERAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS. EMBASSY WOULD BE HAPPY TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATELY PROPOSAL (PARA 1B REFTEL B) TO AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO MAKE RELEASES TO US OR US/INDONESIAN FIRMS FOR VALID PURPOSES, ELIMINATING CURRENT REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN PRIOR DMA AUTHORIZATION. EMBASSY WOULD PROPOSE THAT REQUESTS FROM NON-US FIRMS CONTINUE TO BE REFERRED TO DMA(WITH EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION) ON CASE BY CASE BASIS. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT AND DMA VIEWS ON ABOVE.
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